

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following paragraph:

[0002] The present Application for Patent is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/620,023 10/619,781, entitled, “Reverse-Rate Indicator Detection Power Boosting in a Wireless Communication System,” filed July 14, 2003 and assigned to the assignee hereof, and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/140,087, entitled, “Method and Apparatus for Augmenting Physical Layer ARQ in a Wireless Data Communication System,” filed May 6, 2002 and assigned to the assignee hereof.